

APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR DEPLOYED ARMY ACTIVE DUTY - NEW PARTICIPANT

Please read these instructions thoroughly before you begin work on your application.

Thank you for your interest in the Army Fee Assistance (AFA) program for child care subsidy assistance. The application process requires specific information and documentation from you and your child care provider. Incomplete applications cannot be processed.

To understand eligibility requirements or types of eligible providers, please refer to the website (gsa.gov/childcaresubsidies) and the Army Fee Assistance Handbook, which can be found on the home page.

COMPLETE THE CHECKLIST

Your application package will consist of a core set of documents that are required of all applicants plus documents that are specific to your family's situation. The first form is a checklist of the items you will need to submit. The checklist itself must be completed and included in your submission.

The most common application errors are:

- Not including a complete application with applicable signatures
- Not including spouse pay statements that cover 30 consecutive days
- Indicating a Power of Attorney on the application but not providing the document

<u>Information related to the above is the most common cause of delays in application processing.</u>

COMPLETE AND SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION

The attached form package contains fillable PDF documents. Complete the forms that are relevant to you and leave the others blank. Save the document containing your information under a new name, e.g. Application plus your name. You may sign the forms electronically using your Army common access card (the easiest method), or print, sign, and send them with

the other required documentation to GSA. Submission should be by email (by scanning and attaching), fax, or regular mail to the email address, building address, or fax number provided below.

<u>Sending all documents in PDF format will avoid delays due to illegible information that must be re-sent.</u>

You will receive an automated email response when your application is submitted via email. The email will provide you a case number and instructions for corresponding about your case. Please verify that you received this email. Due to the number of faxes received we cannot immediately confirm that your fax was received (refer to your your fax confirmation). If you want immediate confirmation, please submit via email.

GSA is here to process your application as quickly as possible and help you with any questions you may have. Our contact information is as follows:

Phone: (866) 508-0371 Fax: (816) 823-5410

Email: army.childcare@gsa.gov

Address: GSA Subsidy Administration

Two Pershing Square 2300 Main Street, 2SE Kansas City, MO 64108



New Application Checklist

Deployed Army Active Duty Sponsor

Name of Qualifying Army Sponsor:

Assigned Army Post / Garrison (If duty station is not on the Garrison please provide place of duty)

Please type or write your initials in the space provided below each form or documents you are including in your submission.

I. ARMY FEE ASSISTANCE FORMS (MANDATORY)

Sponsor's Statement of Understanding (signed and dated)

Family Enrollment Provider Cost Verification Form CC 2015-01 (completed and signed by the provider and submitted by the Sponsor as part of the Family application package.)

Fee Assistance Family Application - Army 2014-01 (signed and dated)

II. SPONSOR SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY

Sponsor's Leave & Earnings Statement (LES)

Sponsor's most recent Federal Tax Return Form 1040 (first two pages plus Schedule C if applicable

Sponsor's current Deployment Orders

AS REQUIRED

Divorce decree, custody or separation agreement

Power of Attorney (POA) (required when the Sponsor desires for details of their benefits to be discussed with another party such as spouse, parent or legal guardian

III. SPOUSE, LEGAL PARENT / GUARDIAN, OR PARTNER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

MANDATORY AS REQUIRED

Federal Tax Return 1040 (pages 1 and 2 plus Schedule C (if applicable) if not filed jointly with Sponsor

Certification of Self Employment

Most recent pay statements (covering 30 days of consecutive paid work) or Employment Letter stating hours and pay rate if newly hired

OR...Certification of Higher Education (along with copy of school schedule)

OR...Certification of Seeking Employment or Enrolling in School

IV. CHILD CARE PROVIDER INFORMATION

Your child must be enrolled with a child care provider before you submit your application. To obtain a list of eligible providers currently enrolled please go to: http://gsa.gov/childcaresubsidies and choose the Child Care Provider Directory.

Please check the applicable box below and provide the provider information in the spaces provided.

I'm using a child care provider that is currently enrolled in the AFA Program. (Obtain codes from your child care provider.)

Vendor Code (9 digits)

Address Code (5 digits)

I'm using a child care provider that needs to be enrolled in the AFA Program.

Please have the provider visit the web site http://gsa.gov/childcaresubsidies to begin the enrollment process. Your application will not be approved until your provider is approved. The provider must submit a complete application package including all supporting documents listed in the Child Care Provider Subsidy Enrollment Package located on our website directly to the GSA.

Provider Name:	Provider Contact		Provider Phone	
Provider Address:	City	State	Zip Code	

VI. CERTIFICATION

I understand that failure to complete all required documents, sign where requested, or include supporting documents will delay my application from being processed.

Sponsor 's Signature Date

VI. SUBMITTING YOUR DOCUMENTS

Please ensure that all relevant forms and documents are included with your application. Incomplete applications will cause a delay in processing your request.

EMAIL (Preferred Method)

Army.childcare@gsa.gov. Email is the preferred method of application submission. Emailed documents should be in PDF format.

FAX - (816) 823-5410

Please ensure you include a cover page on your application that includes your name and phone number. Be sure to retain a full copy of your submitted application for your records

MAIL GSA Subsidy Administration

2300 Main Street, 2SE Kansas City, MO 64108 Be sure to retain a full copy of your submitted application for your records.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you need more information, we recommend you check the Army Fee Assistance website at www.gsa.gov/childcaresubidies or call us at (866) 508-0371. Our hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 6:30 AM to 5:30 PM (CT).



Certification of Understanding the Terms and Conditions of the Army Fee Assistance (AFA) Program

Sponsor's Printed Name	Last 4 of SSN

- Sponsor/Family is financially responsible for all child care costs until they have received written notification that an AFA Benefit has been awarded.
- > Families are eligible for Army Fee Assistance (AFA) only if/when their application has been approved.
- > Families participating in other subsidy or Fee Assistance programs may be eligible for AFA; however the AFA is calculated after these discounts have been applied to the standard rate.
- > This benefit will continue on the Sponsor's behalf as long as he/she remains an eligible employee of the Army. Any change in your status with the Army must be reported to the GSA Child Care Subsidy Section immediately for further review.
- > You must notify the GSA Subsidy Administration Section if and when your child is no longer enrolled with the qualified child care provider identified on your application. The subsidy is not transferable to another child care provider. You must reapply for the Fee Assistance should you change child care arrangements.
- > You are responsible for reporting any changes in your personal and/or financial situation, or that of your spouse/partner, that may affect your status as an Army Fee Assistance recipient; such as, but not limited to, any change in employment, school enrollment, marriage, divorce, a spouse/partner who has entered or left the home, etc. Failure to promptly report any change to the GSA Subsidy Administration Section that causes an erroneous payment on your behalf may result in your Fee Assistance being terminated and subsequent collection action of the erroneous payment from you.
- > Any program policy infraction including but not limited to providing incorrect and/or incomplete financial information data, knowingly or unknowingly which causes an overpayment of AFA may result in disqualification from the program. This includes information and/or statements provided at the time of application or anytime throughout your enrollment in the AFA Program. In conclusion, repayment of AFA paid to your child care provider on your behalf will be required due a misrepresentation of information.
- > Parents who misrepresent information used to calculate their Fee Assistance may have their Fee Assistance terminated and be subject to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and/or other legal consequences.
- > Invoices must be signed by a child care program representative along with the Sponsor, Spouse or Power of Attorney and submitted to the GSA on a monthly basis in order for AFA to be paid.
- Any change to the Families cost for any reason must be reported to the GSA as soon as it has been identified.
- > If your child cares provider's current standing with the state child care licensing authority changes or is revoked, this information must be reported to the GSA immediately.
- > As an eligible Army Sponsor/Parent, you agree to provide any and all information re-quested by the GSA and/or Army in order to check the validity of all documents related to your application, eligibility, and invoices/attendance records.
- > Due to the variation of oversight and regulation in different states and based upon official Army guidance, the GSA reserves the right to determine which types of child care providers in each state meet the minimum eligibility requirements for participation in AFA Programs.
- > Any program policy infraction including but not limited to providing incorrect and/or in-complete financial data, knowingly or unknowingly which causes an overpayment of AFA may result in disqualification from the program. In addition repayment of monies paid to the provider on your behalf due to this misrepresentation will be required.

I certify that:

- ✓ I am the parent or legal guardian of the child(ren) listed and I may be required to submit proof of such, in order to receive reduced fee child
- ✓ All information submitted as part of my application is true and correct.
- ✓ All Family income of the spouse/partner and Army sponsor is reported.
- Army and GSA officials may verify any information on this application at any time they deem necessary.
- Eligibility for the reduced child care fee is determined based on Army eligibility requirements and operational guidance.
- ✓ I must select a qualified and eligible child care provider/program that meets the qualifications necessary to participate in the Army Fee Assistance program. Providers who do not qualify will not be reimbursed.
- ✓ AFA payments will only be made directly to the child care provider/program, and not me.
- ✓ I understand that AFA is not an entitlement program and is subject to the availability of funds.

Sponsor's Signature	Date



Army Fee Assistance Sponsor/Family Application

New Application or Re-Application (not currently participating)

Applications that are not fully completed or do not contain the information below cannot be processed. By completing this form, you attest that the information is true and accurate.

Section I - Parent / Legal Guardian		
		Rank/Grade
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Work Address (Include street, city, state and zip code)	Work email address (MANDATORY)	
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	Work telephone number	
Home Address (Include street, city, state and zip code)	Home email address	
	Alternate phone number	
Army Sponsor Status:SingleCoupleSeparated	Divorced	
Power if Attorney (POA) Name (ensure document is attached):		
POA Email:	POA telephone number:	
Eligibility Status of Army Sponsor, check all that apply:		
Army Active Duty	DA Civilian	
Army Reserve: Title 10	Survivor of Fallen Soldier (SOS)	
Army National Guard: Title 10 Title 32	Assigned to Army Supported Joint Base Installations	
Wounded Warrior (WTU & WTB)	Activated	
Special Operations Command (SOCOM)	Deployed	
Recruiter	Unit Command:	
Section II - S	pouse / Partner	
Spouse/Partner Name	Eligibility Status (Spouse/Partner must be working or attending school	I in order to qualify for Fee
	Assistance):EmployedStudent	, ,
Employer	College/University	
Number of hours worked per week: Enrollment/Semester start date:		
If foderally ampleyed provide Grade/Danks	Number of credit hours:GraduateUndergraduate	
If federally employed, provide Grade/Rank:		
Section III - C	Child Information	
List information for all children for whom you are applying for Army Fee Assistance beginning	<u> </u>	
Name of Child	Name of child care provider	
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	Enrollment Date (MM/DD/YYYY):	
Does the child named above reside in the home with the qualifying Army Sponsor:	Yes*No	
*If No, please provide an explanation, location and with whom the child resides:		
Type of care provided:Full Time (25 + hours per week)	Part Time (16 - 25 hours per week)Before So	chool only
After School onlyBefore & After School CareRespite Care		
Is any other form of state, county or local subsidy being received on behalf of this child?	*YesNo	
*If yes, please provide source:	Amount of other subsidy: \$	

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Section III - Child Information - Continued				
Name of Child	Name of child care provider			
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	Enrollment Date (MM/DD/YYYY):			
Does the child named above reside in the home with the qualifying Army Sponsor:	Yes*No			
*If No, please provide an explanation, location and with whom the child resides:				
Type of care provided:Full Time (25 + hours per week)Part Time (16 - 25 hours per week)Before School onlyBefore & After School CareRespite Care				
Is any other form of state, county or local subsidy being received on behalf of this child?	*YesNo			
*If yes, please provide source:	Amount of other subsidy: \$			
Name of Child	Name of child care provider			
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY):	Enrollment Date (MM/DD/YYYY):			
Does the child named above reside in the home with the qualifying Army Sponsor:	Yes*No			
*If No, please provide an explanation, location and with whom the child resides:				
Type of care provided:Full Time (25 + hours per week)Part Time (16 - 25 hours per week)Before School onlyBefore & After School CareRespite Care				
Is any other form of state, county or local subsidy being received on behalf of this child?	*YesNo			
*If yes, please provide source:	Amount of other subsidy: \$			
Section IV - Certification of Army	Sponsor or Power of Attorney (POA)			
I understand that it is a Federal crime under United States Code (USC) 18, Section 1001, to make a false statement on this form. If I make a false statement, I agree to be subject to criminal prosecution and punishment including a fine, imprisonment or both. In addition, I may be subject to administrative punishment to include the termination of my federal employment.				
Misrepresentation or falsifying this information may subject the individual to prosecution under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and/or applicable State and Federal Laws.				
I certify that the above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.				
Signature of Qualifying Army Sponsor	Date of Certification (MM/DD/YYYY)			
Privacy Act Statement				
Public Law 104-134 (April 26, 1996) requires that any person doing business with the Federal Government furnish a Social Security Number or Tax Identification Number (TIN). This is an amendment to Title 31, Section 7701. The primary use of information regarding Family income (copies of pay statements and tax returns), name of current child care provider, copies of provider's license, letter of Accreditation, statement of compliance, and information about other child care subsides is also used to determine eligibility for Fee Assistance. Disclosure of the above information is voluntary, but failure to provide all of the requested information may result in the denial of your application.				

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GSA Subsidy Administration Section

U.S. Army Family Enrollment Provider Cost Verification Form

Provider Name:					
Vendor #			Email:		
Phone #			Fax #		
Physical Address:					
Cit	y:		State	: Z	ip Code:
Remit to Address:			_		
Cit	y:		State	: Z	ip Code:
Family Action: No	ew Family Enrollment	_	dance Change Addi	ing Child Recertification	on Re-Enrollment
Printed Name of Qua	lifying Sponsor:	Last:	First:		MI:
Child Name:					
Child's Enrollment Dat	(Start date of care):		Da	ate of Birth (DOB)	
Effective Date of Rate	and Attendance provided	on this form:			
Type of Care (check	all that apply):	FT PT	Before School Only	After School Only	Before and After School
Summer/Holi	day Full Date Rate (school a	ged): Daily Rate \$	Hourly Rat	te \$	
Number of Days/Week	:	Number of Ho	urs per day/week:		
Provide final cost aft	er deducting all discour	nts:			
Weekly Cost	\$	N	lonthly Cost \$		
Hourly	\$	R	espite Care \$		
Billing Method:	Calendar Month	4/5 Week Month If 4/5 We	ek billing, provide day of	week billing is based upon_	
Does the Family qua	lify for or receive any ot	her subsidies or discount	s?	Yes No	
If yes, provide	source and amount:	Source:		Amount:	
Registration/Enrollm	ent Fee: \$	(noi	e: \$150 maximum may be paid	d on behalf of each child per provid	der, per year)
Total Other Fees Char	ged: \$		Fee Type		
Are there any future ra	te or attendance changes	expected within next twelv	e (12) months?	es No	
If Yes: Effective Da	nte	Type of Care			Cost \$
Providers who misrepreser	nt information used to calculate Fe		enefit may have their Fee Assistal am as a qualifying child care prov	nce/Child Care Subsidy terminated an vider.	d would be removed from the GSA
	Printed Name of Qualifying Child Ca	re Provider completing this form		Phone Num	nber



Student's Name: _

Army Fee Assistance (AFA) Certification of Higher Education

The Army Fee Assistance Program requires that the spouse/partner of the qualifying Army Sponsor be attending working or school in order to qualify for benefits under the AFA Program. For Sponsor's whose spouse/partner is a student, this form must be completed and returned to the GSA in order to determine your eligibility to receive benefits under the AFA Program.

This form must be completed and returned to the GSA in addition to the student's school schedule and/or enrollment information

School Name:		
Graduate: Undergraduate:		
Start Date:		
Semester End Date:	_	
Student's expected enrollment: SpringSummer	Fall	Winter
Expected Graduation Date:	·	
Child Care needed:Part TimeFull Time		
I will notify the General Services Administration (GSA) at (866) 5 spouse/partner's attendance and will provide updated information		
I understand that each time my spouse/partner receives updated information, that I must provide a copy of the document to the Gin the AFA Program.		
I further understand that my Child Care Subsidy benefit will be d maintain full time enrollment as stated above.	iscontinued if r	my spouse/partner does not
Misrepresentation or falsifying this information may subject the in Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and/or applicable State and Fed		osecution under the Uniform
Signature of qualifying Army Sponsor		Date Date
Printed name of Army Sponsor		
Spouse/Partner's Signature		Date













Certification Statement

Certification of Self Employment

The Army Fee Assistance Program guidelines require that the Spouse/Partner of the qualifying Army Sponsor be employed a minimum of 16 hours per week in order to qualify for benefits under the Army Fee Assistance Program. As a self employed individual, this Certification Statement must be completed and signed by the Sponsor and Spouse/Partner in order to qualify for Fee Assistance.

certify that Printed Spouse/Partner's name	is currently working:
A)hours/week @ \$ dollars per ho	our, or
B)hours/week with a weekly income of \$, or
C)hours/week with a monthly income of \$, or
D)hours/week workingjobs/week with a	an income per job of \$, or
E)hours per week with an annual income of	\$
/we are requesting Fee Assistance for the following type of	child care for our/my child/children each week
Part Time: 16 – 25 hours per week	
Full Time: 25 or more hours per week	
As the qualifying Army Sponsor, I will notify the GSA Subsider fax to report any change in employment should my Spouse/I copy of the proper documentation within 30 days of the date to ensure that the number of hours worked meets the minimal Assistance Program.	Partner's schedule change and will provide a of any change to support this change to GSA
understand that my Fee Assistance will be discontinued if r minimum number of hours stated above.	ny Spouse/Partner does not maintain the
Misrepresentation or falsifying this information may subject the in of Military Justice (UCMJ) and/or applicable State and Federal Lav	
Signature of Qualifying Army Sponsor / Last 4 of SSN	Date
Printed Name of Qualifying Army Sponsor	
Spouse/Partner's Signature	 Date













Certification Statement

Certification for Seeking Employment or Enrolling in School

Army Fee Assistance (AFA) for child care is authorized for up to 90 days to allow a spouse/partner to look for employment or enroll in school. This Certification Statement must be completed and signed by the Sponsor and their spouse/partner in order to qualify for, or continue to qualify for, fee assistance.

I	certify that
Printed name of qualifying Army Sponsor	
is curre	ently seeking employment
Printed name of spouse/partner	
or will be enrolling in school. Mark below, as applicable.	
My child/children is/are currently enrolled in full til	me care
My child /children is/are currently enrolled in part	time care
My child/children will be enrolled in full time care	
My child/children will be enrolled in part time care	•
I will not need child care for my child/children dur	ing this period and my
child/children's last day of attendance will be	late that child care benefits are to be paid
I will notify the GSA Subsidy Administration Section in writing to school enrollment date. I will provide a copy of pay stubs or study the number of hours worked or enrolled in school meets the miniguidelines.	dent school schedule to the GSA to ensure that
I understand that after 90 days my Fee Assistance will be discort employment or enroll in school and provide required pay docume GSA Subsidy Administration Section	
Misrepresentation or falsifying this information may subject the ir Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) and/or applicable State and Fed	
Signature of qualifying Sponsor	Date
Spouse/Partner's Signature	 Date











Note to applicants: Fee assistance is retroactive from the date your application is received at the GSA Subsidy Administration Section pending receipt of all required documents. If supporting documents are not received within